

# **INFLUENZA REPORT**

2022-2023 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 43 (10/23-10/29)

Weekly Report of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity

# Overview (MMWR Week 43)



#### Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

#### **Spread**

# **Sporadic**Geographic Spread

# Co-circulating

Other Viruses SARS-CoV-2 RSV

#### **Outbreaks**

No reported outbreaks

### **Syndromic**

**2**Syndromic
anomalies were
reported

#### Flu Activity

Low
Activity is low
across the state

#### Seasonal Data

Types of Flu
Influenza A and B
viruses are
circulating

#### Severity

# **Inpatients** direct reports

No direct reports of hospitalizations. Early increases in hospitalizations across the country.

#### **EMS**

#### Suspected ILI 14 reports this week

#### **ILI** Activity

#### **Minimal**

Some outpatient respiratory illness activity

#### Subtypes

# Primary: A/H3 Predominately H3N2 viruses reported across the

#### **Deaths**

country

#### 0

No locally reported pediatric deaths

# **Hot Spots**

#### **Tracking Trends**

No notifications of hot spots

# Geographic Spread



#### **Geographic Activity by Regions**

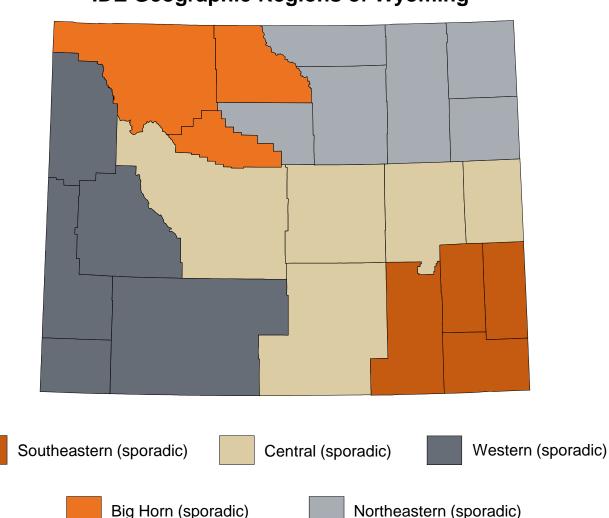
Wyoming observed sporadic activity this week (MMWR Week 43).

Healthcare providers in several counties reported ILI activity.

The electronic reported influenza cases represent all five Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

All five IDE Geographic Regions across the state had low levels of **sporadic activity** this week.

#### **IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming**



## Influenza-like Illness Surveillance



#### **ILINet Providers**

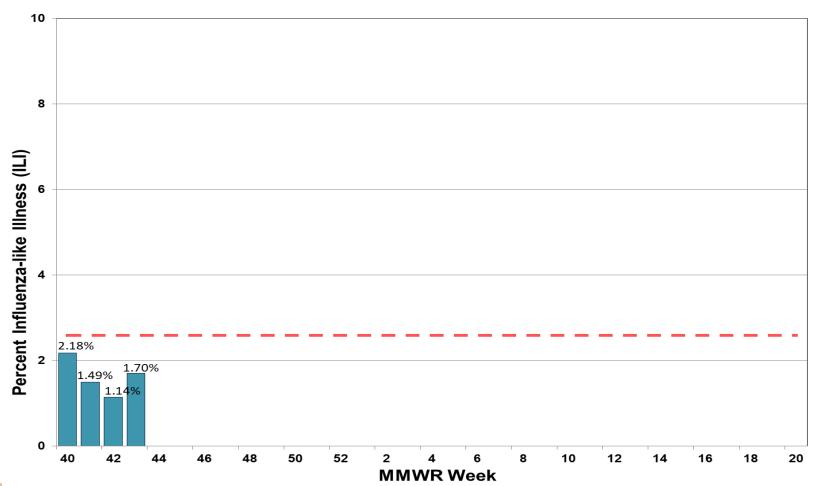
The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 1.70%, which is below Wyoming's baseline (2.59%), but a slight increase from week 42.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state.

This season, healthcare providers in a **several** counties have reported influenza or influenza-like illness activity.

**Key Updates:** Flu activity continues to increase across the country, with the highest levels of activity occurring in the southeast and south-central parts of the country, followed by the Mid-Atlantic and the south-central West Coast regions.

#### **Weekly Percent of ILI Visits**



# Virologic Surveillance



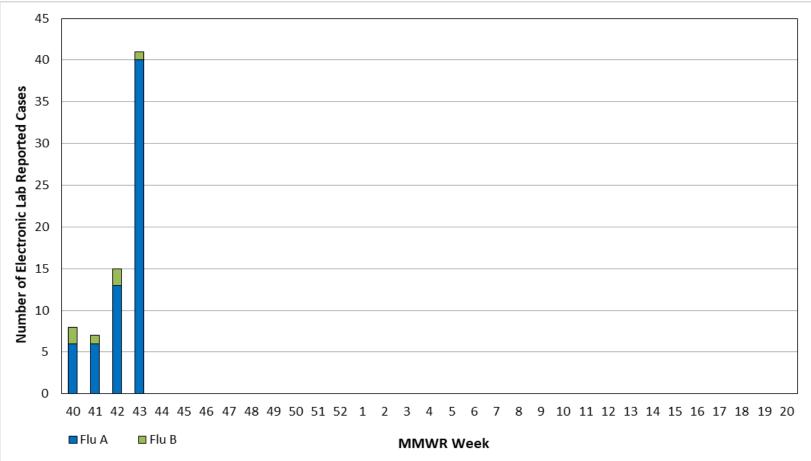
#### **Public Health Laboratory**

The overall volume of samples tested for influenza at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory has increased since the introduction of the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay. We have seen an increase in the number of positive influenza specimens since the start of the 2022-2023 influenza season.

#### **Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories**

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A/H3N2 viruses during MMWR Week 43; however, H1N1 viruses are also being reported.

#### **Electronic Reports of Influenza Cases**



\* This graph is not representative of all influenza cases across the state

# Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



#### **Mortality Data**

25

Tracking death certificates is the best surveillance system to capture and identify pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths in Wyoming. According to the CDC, influenza is infrequently listed on death certificates. Also, testing for seasonal influenza infections is not frequently performed, particularly among the elderly, who are at greatest risk for seasonal influenza complications and death. Therefore, public health officials may not identify influenza-associated deaths in many instances; consequently, this surveillance system may underestimate the true impact of influenza-associated deaths in the state.

There have been five pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2022-2023 Influenza Season.



